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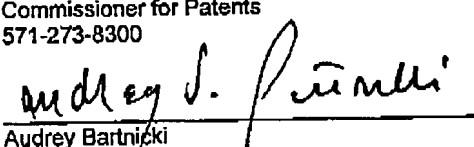
For: Stable Calibrators or Controls for Measuring  
Human Natriuretic Peptides

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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted in connection with the Office Action  
marked "Final" mailed on December 15, 2006 in the above-identified application.  
Applicants hereby Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time and herewith  
authorize the Commissioner to charge this fee, as well as any Terminal  
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